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So far more than 3,000 miles of iron track have been laid on the northern and southern ends of the system. The northern section is now about 2,000 miles long, and has been extended from Cape Town northward a distance of almost 400 miles above the Zambezi River, and there remain only 450 miles to construct before the trains can connect with the little steamers now on Lake Tanganyika. This section will be completely completed in the near future, and the late Sir Alfred Milner, Rhodes's partner, set aside in his will at least \$6,000,000 for that purpose. I have before me a diagram recently issued by the African World, which shows the line of the route, and the extent of water and rail it will contain. According to the diagram, this the total distance will be 5,500 miles, of which about 4,000 miles will be railway and the balance take

The posta cars are carefully watched. The bags of mail are carried to them on red trucks made for the purpose. The trucks are pushed by the Arabs, and mail is handled by them; but a dark-faced soldier, with rifle and sword, marches along with the mail and watches the bags taken in and out. When a truck is loaded the soldier goes with it to the post-office where a sergeant is always a guard on such Nile steamers as carry mail, and the letters are never left without some armed official to watch over them.

me tell you how the railroads are managed. Both those of Egypt and the Sudan are under the government, and both systems pay. Those of Egypt, according to Lord Comer's last report, are now earning about 6 per cent. on their capital stock, and their working expenses are only about 60 per cent. of the gross receipts. The business is rapidly increasing. They will carry 2,500,000 more passengers this year than last and more than 1,000,000 tons more freight. Egypt now has something like 1,500 miles of railroads

which belong to the government, and in addition 500 or 700 miles of agricultural roads managed by private parties. The earnings of the latter are increasing, and they carry more freight and passengers from year to year.

The main lines are managed by Egyptian and European officials. The superintendents of departments, who receive \$3,000 and upward a year each, are mainly Europeans, and the inspectors and sub-inspectors who get from \$80 to \$340 a month, are in the main

The delta division above Cairu goes to Assout, which is two or three hundred miles further north. Then comes the road from Assout to Luxor, ending up with the narrow-gauge line from Luxor to Assuan. All of these divisions are through the narrow valley of the Nile, with the desert in sight all the way. For almost 1,000 miles above Cairu the celebrated Nile strip varies in width from nothing to about 100 miles. In some places it is less than three miles wide. It is surrounded this way and that, but it is

those of Egypt, and they give that country regular connection with the Sudan. The Sudan is connected with Khartum with Wady Halfa, and this has both sleeping and dining cars.

Sudan Sleepers and Dinners.

The sleepers are divided up into compartments about seven feet square, with two berths to each compartment. There is an aisle from which the toilet dishes are served. The dining cars have electric fan and is lighted by electricity.

The dining-car service is good and comparatively cheap. The meals con-

went from here down through the Ndis and crossed to Pastergum, where she had her abode. The King of Solomon, an Abyssiniana, says that she went back by the Red Sea and stopped in their country on the way. While she was there, she was visited by the King of Solomon, and who is the head of the line of kings which rule Abyssinia to-day. The Mohammedans, on the other hand, say that the Queen of Sheba did not go to the King of Solomon, but her residence was in Yemen, Arabia, and that Solomon went there to visit her. The queen's name was Bilki. She was as witty as a man, was beautiful, and was a very wise woman. I have a riddle which he was puzzled to answer.

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If the small investors of this country could reach anything like a fair knowledge of just how much and how little there is in each of these appeals, they would be wise to phrase their dis-
pleasure of which has been statistically tested, they would be well advised to phrase their dis-
pleasure in a way toward being able to protect themselves against the cleverest and most convincing of these appeals. Perhaps the writer can do the public more service by pointing out the "star phrases" than by any amount of denunciation of the wild-cat schemes and schemers which deserve as hard a characterization as any man can frame. But to return to the word "guarantee" which is the one used in the title of the story of the investment trickster, there is scarcely a circular, folder or advertisement or a other place of literature put out by the top hunters of small savings which does not display the word "guarantee" in big type, and in bold and in capital letters. If the institution chances to be of a financial character itself rather than a mining, oil or industrial concern, the word "guarantee," or its two "security," will be found incorporated into the name of the company. Get out a big two by two card and write down which are dead beyond hope of redemption and it is a safe prediction that some half the names will contain the word "guarantee" or "security."

In the following words are as common as the words "guarantee" and "security."

ous an' says he, 'stern men
he, 'that us schoolmasters be
all th' hands iv these ferocious
an' a scoldin' schoolmester
turdah a golden haired imp iv
chair. To-day I found a dead rat
write opprobrious epithets about
at times I'm not sure I can
control thim. They hurl the mud
th' braid iv th' little girl. They
windows. Sometimes jumps iv
th' desks w' the schoolmester
shuffle their feet whin I'm narv
whin they think I'm not lookin',
sultin' each other. Moral sunstion
sultin' to th'ir parents askin' if
an' th' parents have come over a
thired keepin' thim after school
sions an' shakin' th' milk tins
me. Me onin' to be a schoolmester
dangerous cratter like th'ir
on'y thing to do with him is to
spoke' says he.

'An' th' board of iddyation an'
an' quite make up its mind whin
Solomon said, accordin' to Hoga
child. He mustn't have a law iv
me. Fiddy Ronefeldt has a law iv
me. You've spared him a law iv
must've set up nights. Annyhow
discussin' whether he was right
I know he that it was a
coal dealer or a mining man
mimber iv a board iv iddyation,
feet tall come to me fr' permision
I'd say, 'I know I'm a krumpholtz
ishin' people requires special
that's suited fr' th' job. Ye might
ye'er coast an' vent an' step into
lued.' An' in th' next room th' a

[illegible][illegible]

"He does
 ain't money
 's no more
 nance this
 'd read in
 he recused
 to obey
 "I never had
 'd do it
 'til him if
 'ut it. Th'
 n't know
 ain't figure
 "I have so
 'e they got
 'ome home
 'e me, an
 'wondered
 's grown
 him up in
 's wash his
 'much as it
 ' a way he
 's just about
 's. I
 'tells him a
 'ow many
 's King is
 's in
 'part is th'
 'o do any-
 'tack a pin
 'n an' makes
 'an' good
 'o go home

face again.
 "An' so it goes. If he
 he doesn't do thim th' w
 's his or want
 How wud ye like to ha
 foolish orders to ye, mal
 an' niver understandin
 's of th' w
 Mars. He has his wurru
 mighty important wurru
 rather ate potatoes cooked
 's a bit of a
 an' so often prepared f
 knows why he thinks a
 robbers cave? Who kno
 's a sparrow an' half a lemo
 's? They're not mine, o
 as reg-lar f'm top time to
 's a
 to winter. Today he's t
 stick top with his; tomor
 is a dilgrat wire. Who

"Faith we know nawt
 think about it. I can ray
 ain't raimber how I
 though 'twa yisterdai
 don't know. Faith if I
 's. I
 do thim. Maybe we're b
 each other—us an' th' ch
 an' they don't guess that
 's. I
 dent force us to hit th
 order to yer little boy
 day. Don't ye think he o
 "It's a wise child that
 Hennessey.
 "It's a happy child that

don't do anny iv these things or if
ny ye think is 'n' right way some
n' talk about it. I'm a little over
e twenty or thirty people insuin'
n' ye do things ye didn't want to
n' at all why it was so? This like
n' I could be a little bit of a potents iv
id, ye can bet on that an 'tis a
d. Who knows why a kid wud
e nice an' black on a fire made of
n' a delicious meat, a dead
im be his kind parents? Who
ark hole under a sidewalk is
s why he likes to collect in was
as a murder, chewin' gum, a dead
? Who knows what his seasons
n' they're not ye's but he goes
make a line an' frim marble time
e manner to be a little bit of a
rying to annihilate another boy's
ow he's trying to sail a kite out
know why he does it?

n' about him an' he knows naw-
er when I was a little boy that
was a little boy. I call back as
things I did but why I did thim I
d look for'ard to 'n' things I've
n' I've exain why I was got to
th wrong in the way I look at
ldher. We think we're grown up
we're childhuf. If they knew us
e appreciated at all we'd be
n. Whin ye issued some foolish
he'd say: 'Fah-pah is fractious to
t to have some castor ile."

"I knows his own father," said Mr.
n doesn't," said Mr. Dooley.

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That they were in love with each other everyone knew, and between them there was a mutual understanding. They had been arrived at in the summer house of York Cottage; but as Czarevitch the future Czar had to make the formal and old-fashioned offer of his hand.

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